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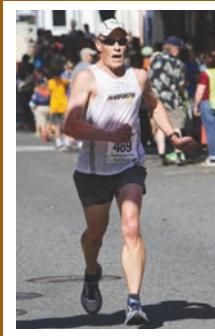
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Local youths star in JCC's 'Circus of the Kids'

By James Paleologopoulos

Turley Publications
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — Two Agawam locals joined the circus last Thursday as Brenna McAnanama, 11, and Ernest Whitehead, 10, took part in the Springfield Jewish Community Center's "Circus of the Kids" summer camp.

Performing on Thursday and an additional two shows on Friday, the two were included among 25 local children who signed up for a week of circus training that included aerial stunts, juggling and the type of clowning around found at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, run in part by the Tallahassee, Fla.-based "Circus of the Kids" organization.

"I could not take my eyes off of some of the things they had them doing up there," said Louis Lasko, camp director and teen associate.

Familiar with the organization's founder, Bruce Pfeffer, Lasko helped put the program together after witnessing a similar performance done in Michigan that convinced him the week-long circus training program would be a positive experience for the kids who got involved.

"We wanted to give them a sense of confidence," Lasko said. "There were a lot of kids at the beginning feeling they couldn't do it, but the staff was there for them and pushed

them, and it was perfect."

Operating since 1979 and made up of a staff of trainers and professional performers, Circus of the Kids travelled to Springfield and began auditions and training that prior Sunday, Aug. 3, leaving the children with less than a week to train and prepare for their respective stunts.

However, by the Thursday show, most all were in their element, including McAnanama, who had four years of gymnastics under her belt before taking to the stage as one of the "Triple Trapeze Aerialists" and "Globe Trotters."

"I thought it was amazing," said Wendy McAnanama, Brenna's mom.

Having taken Brenna and her son, Connor, to the JCC before when they were infants, when McAnanama saw the ad for the summer program, Brenna jumped for it.

"During training, she came home exhausted and just worn right out," Wendy said, "and she loved every minute of it."

Agawam resident Debbie Whitehead, who serves as the JCC's communications and marketing director, watched as her son, Ernest, took part in the performance.

"Knowing where the kids started, not having any experience, I was floored to see how far they came in just a few days," White-

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Turley Publications photo by James Paleologopoulos

No stranger to gymnastics, Brenna McAnanama, right, of Agawam, was one of the evening's "Triple Trapeze Aerialists" along with Aubrey Daviau, left, and Hannah Keeley, center.

Councilors seek municipal vehicle policy

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM — Three city councilors have sponsored a new ordinance that would create rules on the use of municipal vehicles in town.

Agawam City Councilors Robert Rossi, Donald Rheault and Anthony Suffriti are co-sponsoring the ordinance, and it is already meeting heavy opposition from

Mayor Richard Cohen and the city law department.

The co-sponsors believe their ordinance is necessary to "eliminate confusion and unpredictable consequences regarding the use of municipal vehicles, as well as reduce fuel consumption cost paid for by the taxpayers."

The proposed ordinance text is basic in that it would restrict the use of any municipal vehicles for personal use. Vehicles could only be driven in town unless leaving

town on official town business. The ordinance requires proper marking of municipal vehicles with town seals or appropriate lettering that is highly visible.

Only the mayor, fire chief, police chief, Department of Public Works superintendent and Emergency Management Agency director would be allowed to drive city vehicles to and from home. The ordinance would also propose penalties for violating the ordinance.

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Melha Riders Run a success for Shriners

By James Paleologopoulos
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM — Sunday, Aug. 10, brought with it great weather and nearly 500 motorcyclists on North Westfield Street as the Melha Riders made their 8th annual Hospital Run, raising funds for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield.

Reaching "around the \$20,000 mark" according to Riders President Scott Lavallee, the total funds raised are still in the process of being finalized with expenses not

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Turley Publications photo by James Paleologopoulos

Deacon Michael Perkins of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam blesses riders from the corner of Springfield and North Westfield streets.

Verizon seeking wireless tower off Mill Street

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM — The Agawam City Council will again consider adding an area of town to the Personal Wireless Services overlay district.

An applicant has come forward seeking to place a new wireless communications tower across the street from Agawam High School on Mill Street. The tower would be sited on the rear property owned by the Agawam Methodist Church.

The application is being submitted by Verizon Wireless and they are seeking a zone change in order to place the tower on the property. According to plans submitted by Verizon Wireless, the

tower would stand in a wooded area several hundred feet from the road. The wireless company submitted photos of a balloon test, which gauges how well the tower can be seen from a distance. The photos show it would not be very well viewed from the high school or Agawam Public Library, which abuts the high school.

The proposal states the land is in a Residential A-2 zone, which would require the land be added to Agawam's designated wireless communications overlay district. The proposal does not state how high the tower will be. Verizon Wireless will have to get city council support to make the zone change before it can go get a special permit to erect the tower.

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Annual reader subscription drive launches next week

Editor's note: Our annual total market saturation reader subscription drive will be held for two weeks beginning with the next edition. The paper is sent to all coverage area homes for free during these two weeks.

To accommodate the extra press run and delivery, our deadlines are pushed forward by one day. All editorial items for these two weeks will be due by Monday at 9 a.m. on both weeks.



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WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



This statue can be seen in Agawam at a place populated with children. Can you tell us where it's located?

Last week's photo: No one correctly identified the red barn at School Street Park.



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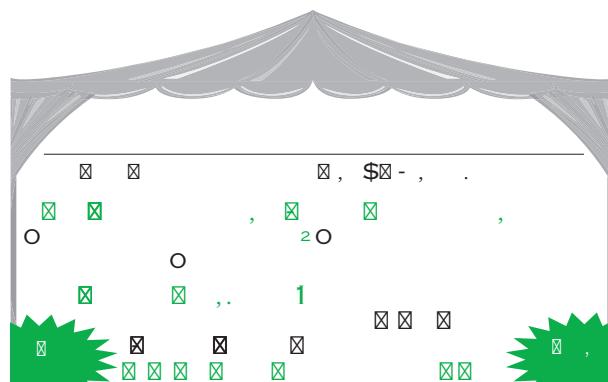


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PEOPLE POLL

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Amy Christy – Disappointed that the relaxation of summer is over but looking forward to getting into a schedule.



Hunter Christy – Happy because this year I get my first locker.



Jackson Christy – Good because I like playing with my friends at school.



Shemeka Browne-Pohlman – Happy; I like my kids in school and having a routine again.



Adam Chase – It doesn't really affect me because I don't go to school.



Amber Christy – Excited because I don't know who my teacher will be yet.

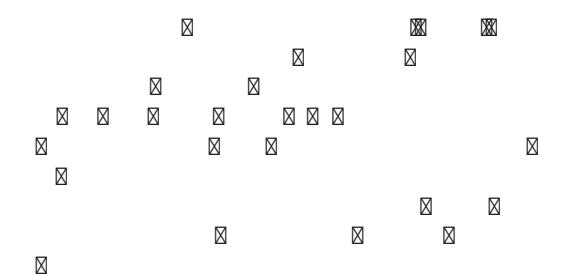


Erek Brown – Excited and nervous but mostly excited. I'm happy to start college at Western New England University and major in engineering.



Savanna Mazeika, Gracie Mazeika, Emma Mazeika – Excited to go to a new school.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS



No new developments in Spencer Street arson case

By James Paleologopoulos
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM — After releasing a statement that the July 30 house fire at 41 Spencer St. in Agawam was ruled intentional, Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois reported on Tuesday that despite the investigation continuing, there were no new developments to report.

"While the investigators are still working on the case, we do not have any new information to offer at this point," Sirois said.

The news comes close to two weeks after the initial blaze was spotted in the morning by a newspaper carrier at 5:30 am. The carrier reported the fire,

which was "reasonably sized" when officials arrived on the scene, after seeing flames through the front window. The blaze was quickly put out as firefighters remained for another hour to clear debris and smoke for investigators to examine the scene.

Rules arson after clear evidence of the fire being intentionally lit was found, rewards up to \$5,000 are being offered to those who are eligible and provide information that results in an arson conviction.

The Agawam Fire Department requests that if any person has info regarding the fire that they contact the Massachusetts Arson Hot Line at 1-800-682-9229 or the fire department at 413-786-0657.

Air horns, staying indoors recommended when it comes to bears

By James Paleologopoulos
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM — With sightings of bears starting to tick up across town, including a recent report of a mother bear and her cubs traveling across Perry Lane last Wednesday, residents are advised to not only keep their distance but to make the animals feel as unwelcome as possible, said Animal Control Officer Allison Strong.

Though wild animals are no strangers to Agawam, with coyotes and fisher cats appearing from Six Flags to Feeding Hills, bears are especially common in the area according to Strong, and it's not uncommon to see a black bear knocking down a trash can or food receptacle.

"It's definitely very common," Strong said. "This time of year, you'll usually see a mom and cubs going through yards looking for food and destroying bird feeders and such."

Residents who notice an ursus americanus (American Black Bear) that can weigh up to 400 pounds are advised to keep safe and indoors if they're seen on their property or nearby. Often, after a report is called in, Strong or another officer will make their way to the scene to monitor the animal(s) to see them off as they're normally only passing through the area.

It's also to insure that the bear is not harassed or made uncomfortable by the presence of onlookers, a situation that can lead to the animal seeking shelter in a tree until the

coast is clear, a process that can take hours to monitor and resolve.

"If you see them in your yard, as nice it is to take pictures and video, what you really want to do is scare them off," Strong said. "One of the best ways to do that, which is what I tell people to do who live in some of what I call 'high bear traffic areas' out by Feeding Hills and the farms, is air horns that are used for boat safety and soccer."

By blowing the horn in the bear's general direction, it creates a sense that the neighborhood is not safe to the bear, Strong explained. In doing so, residents discourage them from remaining in the area and they are less likely to come back.

In the meantime, calls are expected to continue as mother bears and their cubs cross through and about Hampden County. Notably, the cubs running about this year are expected to be small due to the two-year cycle Strong and others have observed over time.

"Right now, all of our female bears seem to be on the same two-year cycle," Strong said. "Since they'll keep their young with them for about two seasons, by the end of the second season, those bears look like full-sized and people panic."

With 2014 appearing to be a restart to the cycle, bear sightings will likely be less tense as one mother with several small cubs appears less intimidating than one with multiple, hundred pound offspring in tow.

In the case of such sightings, the Agawam Police Department and Animal Control can be reached at (413) 786-4767.

Council rejects fire department funding transfer

Board wants transparency in budgeting

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM — The Agawam City Council has turned down a simple fund transfer but sent a message about transparency in budgeting with the move.

At last week's city council meeting, councilors rejected a request from Mayor Richard Cohen to transfer \$41,250 in the fire department budget from the "Uniforms" line item to the "Longevity" line item.

Councilor Robert Rossi said he is against the fund transfer because he believes the line item for longevity should have been properly funded when the fiscal year 2015 budget was originally presented.

"The uniform line item is a uniform allowance for firefighters to purchase uniforms with," said Rossi. "It is not a salary allowance. The longevity item is for length of service. To roll items inside a budget for two separate purposes — I have never heard anything like this."

Council President Christopher Johnson agreed saying there should have been no issues in including the proper amount for the longevity line item in the FY2015 budget.

"It goes back to the discussion of budget transparency," said Johnson. "The amount needed for longevity was part of collective bargaining, which occurred prior to the budget being presented. I can't support this transfer for those reasons. We believed we were level-funding the two line items. It should have been planned better."

As a result of the way it was presented, the council unanimously turned down the proposal, a rarity in council action.

After the meeting, Councilor Cecilia Ca-

labrese, who was among council members who supported forcing all "in-house" budget transfers to be approved by the council, says the budget item was exactly why the council approved the check in the process.

"It is really kind of refreshing," Calabrese said. "It is part of our job to handle the people's money. Our job is to be stewards for the people, and we need more transparency in the budget; \$41,000 is a lot of money."

Rossi, who proposed the budget amendment in June regarding in-house transfers, agreed the longevity issue should have been addressed during the budget process, and money for completely different purposes should not be moved around arbitrarily.

"These are clearly two distinct items in the budget," said Rossi. "In one case with the uniforms, it is an IRS benefit for the firefighters."

Rossi said he has been unhappy with the amount of spending and fund transfers the city council is not being made aware of, including the most recent spending of funds to purchase hybrid vehicles. Cohen recently purchased a new vehicle for the mayor's professional use.

Cohen fired back at Rossi's criticisms, stating he was following a policy put in place by the Energy Commission to purchase energy-efficient vehicles for the town. He said Rossi was a member of the committee.

By revoking the mayor's ability to make in-house transfers, the council is now responsible for approving all funding transfers before money can be spent in those areas. At the Aug. 4 meeting, the council even had to approve a transfer of nine cents. There are no small funding transfers scheduled for the next council meeting.

Hazardous Waste Collection set for Sept. 6

The Agawam Department of Public Works will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, Sept. 6, at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield St., from 9 a.m. to noon.

This program offers residents a safe, economical way to dispose of household items that are flammable, reactive, corrosive or toxic. Solvents, pesticides, caustic cleaners and oil-based paints

are some examples of the different types of items that will be accepted.

For a complete list of acceptable materials, visit www.agawam.ma.us.

This event is free to Agawam residents, but pre-registration is required. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the DPW at 821-0600, ext. 0, or 821-0624.

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Opinion

Council's fight for transparency can also slow down government

The Agawam City Council appears to have sent a very clear message to the town's administration they are looking for more transparency in government.

In late June, the city council took away the mayor's right to make what is known as "in-house" transfers between line items in a given department's budget.

Their intention in executing this amendment to the budgeting and expenditure process was to gain a tighter rein on how money is being moved by the administration.

The author of the amendment was Councilor Robert Rossi, who wants the city council to have more input on the spending of town funds in order to look out for the taxpayers of the community.

Last Monday night, the restriction appeared to pay off after councilors turned down a simple funding transfer within the fire department budget. Following the meeting, several councilors were very pleased to have the opportunity to weigh in on the issue and believe rejecting the line item transfer will encourage more transparent budgeting as it was believed the two line items, longevity and uniforms, should have been properly budgeted earlier this year.

In the long term, this amendment could prove to be positive and negative for the town and its taxpayers.

On the positive side, people who are very interested in town government and spend their time watching city council meetings on the public access channel can be well informed about how money is moving around the town government.

Councilors continue to be right when they say they are charged with protecting the taxpayers' money.

But checks and balances also come with some negative side effects.

While there are some areas of budgeting that could be better planned, not everything is foreseen. Money is forecasted for one area and that purpose may later found to no longer be needed. For example, if the town budgets for fuel consumption and halfway through the fiscal year a hybrid vehicle is purchased, then there will be money left over in that account in fuel savings. At the same time, an emergency could arise within the same department that requires those few hundred dollars and that "emergency" cannot be addressed for four weeks.

When he learned of the restriction on in-house transfers, Mayor Richard Cohen says the new rule will slow down government. It takes three to four weeks for any funding request or transfer to be approved because those items are placed on a council agenda as new business. That agenda item is due four to five days before the council meeting when the agenda is finalized. After the item appears as new business, it becomes old business and able to be voted on at the following meeting two weeks later.

At some point, the administration and the council need to make an agreement or a resolution will need to be passed with a better way of handling smaller funding transfers, such as a sub-committee of the council that can meet and make transfer approvals in a shorter period of time, like an oversight Finance Committee.

Should it really take four weeks to get a transfer of nine cents approved? It happened at the Aug. 4 meeting.



Letters to the Editor

Veterans invited to author talk

To the editor:

The public is invited to listen to a very interesting talk by Marie Sturdevant, author of a new book, "Somewhere in the Western Pacific." Marie wrote this book from the many (over 200) letters her father wrote to his girlfriend in Worcester while he was stationed in the South Pacific.

Though we never met, we both were in the Air Force and stationed almost two years in New Guinea and the Philippines. We both wrote daily to our girlfriends. My girlfriend, Bobbie, lived in Denver, Colo. I was stationed there for a while and went to a USO dance where I met Bobbie, the most beautiful girl on the dance floor. We had only five dates before I was sent overseas.

When the war ended in 1945, after we were discharged, we both returned home and both married our girlfriends. My beautiful wife of 65 years passed away last year.

A friend, Armand Zolo, originally from Worcester, told me he found the book so very interesting, he read it twice. Whether you were overseas or not, you will enjoy hearing Marie speak.

She will be at the Agawam Senior Center Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. Bring a friend – ladies invited!

Warren L. Parker
Agawam

EvvGirl Foundation donations appreciated

To the editor:

The Bard family and I want to thank Jeanita Pinette, Dot Waterman, Helen Fontaine, Judy Bouchard-Kusyk and Mariann Kinney for sending letters to the folks of Agawam, Feeding Hills and elsewhere, asking for a donation for the EvvGirl Foundation.

We also want to thank all the people who did donate to the Foundation. We are still accepting donations. As of now, we have raised \$6,500.

If you are contemplating sending a donation, please make checks payable to the EvvGirl Foundation and mail to: J. Emile Coté, 2 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3117.

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 69 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Aug. 5 to Aug. 11.

On Aug. 6 at 1:33 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Aug. 6 at 4:59 p.m., the department responded to Beekman Place for public service assistance, other.

On Aug. 7 at 10:04 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On Aug. 7 at 4:18 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service.

On Aug. 7 at 4:40 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Aug. 7 at 11:05 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for citizen complaint.

On Aug. 8 at 1:27 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 8 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to Muriel Lane for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Aug. 8 at 9:25 p.m., the department responded to Poplar Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Aug. 8 at 7:23 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for lockout.

On Aug. 8 at 10:50 p.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for public service.

On Aug. 9 at 2:55 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On Aug. 9 at 4:43 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for unauthorized burning.

On Aug. 9 at 6:12 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On Aug. 10 at 11:01 a.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On Aug. 10 at 3:39 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Aug. 10 at 6:24 p.m., the department responded to Hall Street for citizen complaint.

On Aug. 11 at 4:14 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Aug. 11 at 8:03 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for lockout.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 373 calls for service from Aug. 5 to Aug. 11. The department made 16 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

Jeremy David St. Jean, 38, of 58 Jennie Circle, was arrested on a charge of operating under the influence of liquor, second offense.

Michael G. Demos, 45, of 38 East Primrose Drive, Longmeadow, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Mark Jachym, 44, of 128 North Westfield St., Apt. 2, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Oleg I. Vilkhovoy, 26, of 135 Lealand Ave., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of wanton destruction of property over \$250.

Friday, Aug. 8

Joseph R. Lafleur, 33, of 44 Pheasant Hill Drive, Apt. A, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of violation of harassment order.

Lynn Reilly, 51, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 35, Agawam, was arrested on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Michael J. Costanza, 52, of 125 Franklin St., Douglas, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and assault and battery.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Kenneth White, 40, of 95 Newfield Road, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, improper operation of a motor vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulation, and marked lanes violation.

Oleg Abramchuk, 43, of 48 Jamie Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop/yield, and marked lanes violation.

Joshua Fowler, 36, of 124 Lake Side Ave., Webster, was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Windy K. Celestino Bravos, 21, of 3203 Park Ave., Bronx, N.Y., was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Monday, Aug. 11

Two juveniles from Agawam were arrested, each on charges of trespassing, person under 21 in possession of liquor, minor in possession of a BB gun/air rifle, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, and larceny over \$250.

Kohlby Hammond, 22, of 135 Onset Ave., Onset, was arrested on a charge of assault on a pregnant person.

Harvey Joseph Roy, 42, of 71 Fairview St., West Springfield, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Donald Witter, 53, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 27, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Leukemia, lymphoma support group open to the public

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Family Support Group will hold a meeting Thursday, Aug. 28, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center located at 954 Main St. The purpose of the group is to offer an opportunity to meet patients, family members, friends and survivors undergoing similar challenges of living with a blood cancer.

The meeting, which will be held in the conference room, is open to the public. Pre-registration is required for all those new to the group. To register, or for more information, contact Gayle Bagley, senior patient services manager, at 800-688-6572, ext. 1304, or email gaylebagley@lls.org.

Schedule change for Perry Lane Pool

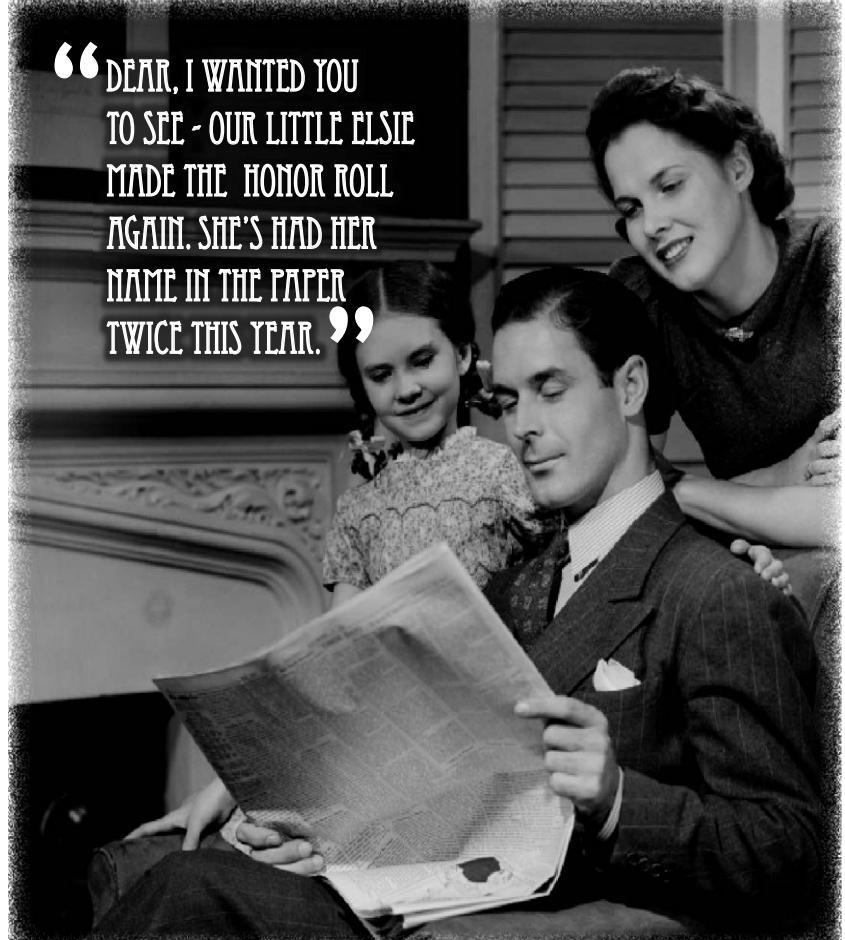
The Perry Lane Pool will have a new public swim schedule the week of Aug. 18. The pool will be open daily from noon to 5 p.m. from Monday, Aug. 18, through Sunday, Aug. 24. Pool admission is \$1 per person and can be paid to the lifeguard on duty. The last day the pool will be open for the season is Sunday, Aug. 24.

K of C to hold blood drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive for Mercy Medical Center's blood bank Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 2-6 p.m. at St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam.

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Verizon seeking wireless tower off Mill Street

TOWER, from page 1

Verizon Wireless has towers and transmitters throughout the town. The proposed tower on Mill Street would continue to provide the next generation transmitting service known as 4G LTE.

"The installation of 4G LTE equipment at 491 Mill St. would bring additional 4G LTE service and capacity to the above mentioned areas," the application states.

The city council referred the matter to the Agawam Planning Board. The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing this month and will be making a recommendation to the full city council at its September meeting. Council President Christopher Johnson says he is hopeful referring the matter to the Planning Board will yield a decision by the Sept. 15 meeting.

The city council will then hold a public hearing of the legislative body where the public, the Planning Board and the applicant will have the opportunity to make a presentation of their application for the tower.

Councilors seek municipal vehicle policy

POLICY, from page 1

nance starting with \$25 for the first offense all the way up to \$200 for a third and subsequent violation. In a July 30 letter to the city council, Cohen called the policy completely "unnecessary."

"The town has a proper vehicle use police in place," said Cohen.

He went on to state there is no confusion among town employees about the proper use of town-owned vehicles and misuse is currently handled through the procedures listed in the collective bargaining agreement with the various unions.

The mayor also challenged the councilor's seeking to "reduce liability exposure." He believes the policy, with the penalties attached, would result in grievances and legal actions filed under collective bargaining that would cost the town money in legal fees. Cohen, who recently sparred with Rossi over the recent purchase of a vehicle for the mayor, notes that having a vehicle assigned is not just a free car for use.

"It is considered a fringe benefit, and I have to pay taxes for my use of the city car," said Cohen. "I also do not use the car for personal trips. I have another vehicle available for that."

Cohen states his administration has sought

A super majority, or eight of the 11 councilors, must vote in favor of the zone change for it to take effect. Verizon Wireless could then seek a special permit to erect the tower. They would also have to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals for variances on the tower.

"The benefits to the Town and the public provided by high-quality data transmission service is in harmony and compliance with the zoning ordinance without adverse effects to the Town," Sandy Carter, Verizon Wireless regulatory manager states.

An application last came before the Planning Board in 2011. Then, Florida Towers, representing AT&T, sought to build a tower near the same sight. The application was withdrawn in the middle of the year after several town departments objected to its placement. The wireless company was seeking to bridge service gaps at the time.

Plans for the proposed tower are available in the Planning Board office.

Local youths star in JCC's 'Circus of the Kids'

CIRCUS, from page 1

head said. "I was also impressed with their positive attitude. At any point, it would have been easy for them to get frustrated, but they didn't."

Ernest performed in two of the nine acts, once as a stunt man on the "Terrific Trampoline Team" and again as a clown toward the show's end.

"Ernie had a blast," Debbie said. "He likes to play video games, but this was life-changing for him. I've never seen him smile so much."

"It was actually pretty easy," Ernest said after the show. "We practiced certain types of jumps on the trampoline, and there was one trick I had trouble with, but everything else I was really good at."

Right: Two Agawam locals star in Circus of the Kids 1 – Ernest Whitehead prepares to take a bow in his clown regalia with fellow Agawam resident Brenna McAnanama (in blue) behind him.



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Ernest Whitehead, far left, gets a running start before making his jump as part of the "Terrific Trampoline Team."

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Families Go back to school at Storowton Village

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The end of summer is approaching and preparations for the new school year have begun. Get into the learning mode with “Back to School: 19th-Century Style,” a fun day of period school activities at Storowton Village Museum, Friday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Throughout the day, children, students and scholars alike can try their hand at old-fashioned activities in the Village’s one-room schoolhouse. The event is free and open to all ages. Donations to help benefit Storowton’s school programs are welcome.

Participants will learn how to write with a quill and take class lessons using chalk and slates. There will also be the opportunity to show off your skills by reciting in front of the class. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate how to construct a copybook and lead 19th-century recess games on the Village Green. All activities will be rotated throughout the course of the day.

For more information about events offered at Storowton Village Museum, call the Village office at (413) 205-5051 or visit TheBigE.com.

Student artwork on display at library

The Agawam Public Library will showcase the student artwork of Thousand Crane Studios in Feeding Hills for the month of August. The display will include works from the past school year as well as this summer’s art program and will be located on the upper and lower levels of the library.

In the studio programs, students ages 5 through 17 develop their artistic skills using a wide variety of materials in a broad range

of projects. The program is structured to cover art fundamentals and techniques while allowing for individual creativity and interest.

Students work in pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, clay, paper mache and animation markers. Some of their projects include a focus on realistic and abstract composition, art history, color theory and perspective.

Raffle tickets available for Kindle Paperwhite

The Agawam Public Library will hold a raffle for a Kindle Paperwhite e-reader now through Aug. 29. Tickets, which are \$2 each or three for \$5, may be purchased at the library’s information desk. The

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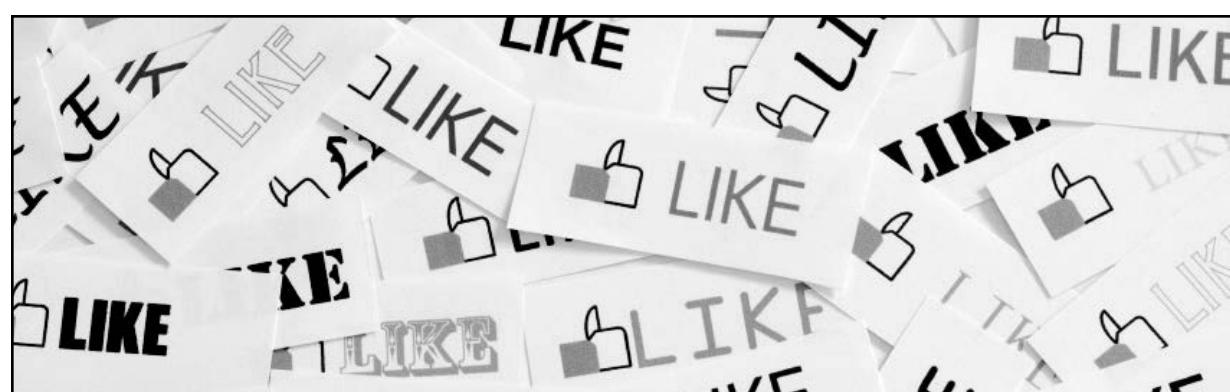
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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Aug. 18: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: 9 a.m., Shuffleboard at St. John’s; 10:30 a.m., Coffee Hour with Rep. Nicholas Boldyga; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“One Fine Day”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, Aug. 20: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 2 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Aug. 21: 9:30 a.m., Quilt-

ing; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Aug. 22: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Music Show with Calum Shand (\$5); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, Aug. 18: Roast chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, dilled carrots, plums.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, tomato, cucumbers, hard-boiled egg) over lettuce, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, Aug. 20: Pork cutlet cordon bleu, roasted potatoes, broccoli, pudding.

Thursday, Aug. 21: Turkey dinner, stuffing, cranberry sauce, green and yellow squash, baked good.

Friday, Aug. 22: Zucchini soup, tuna melt, Tater Tots, peaches.

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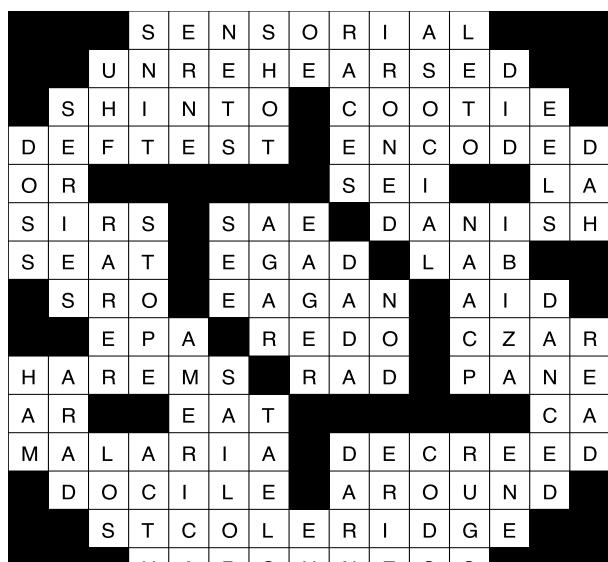
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West of the River Chamber elects board of directors

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce announced recently that John Weiss has been elected chairman of the board of directors for 2014-2015. Weiss has been a member of the West of the River Board of Directors for several years and has served as both first and second vice-president.

He has also served on several committees, including the Economic and Development Committee and the Golf Committee. He is the owner and president of Ormsby Insurance Co. in West Springfield, where he resides with his wife Kathi, daughter Brittany and son Alex.

First vice-chairman is Dee L. Emery-Ferrero, of Agawam. Ferrero owns DEF Enterprises, the parent company for the Western Mass Women Magazine, and several other businesses. She has served several terms on the board over the years and serves on several committees.



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John Weiss was elected chairman of the board of directors for the West of the River Chamber.

Second vice-chairman is Chuck Kelly. He has served on the board for two years on various committees and is the membership chairman for this upcoming year. Kelly and his wife, Gail, own Flowers by Webster with locations in Westfield and West Springfield.

Treasurer is Lori Stickles. She is a one-year member of the board of directors and serves on the Finance Committee. Stickles is the manager of United Bank, Agawam branch, located on Silver Street.

Elected clerk was Patty Parker-Flores. Flores has served on the board on several committees over the last few years and will also be the

education chairman for the upcoming year. She is the Cooperative Education coordinator at Lower Pioneer Valley Technical School in West Springfield.

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In the Classroom

Campus Notes

Lasell College: Carly Fellion, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Westfield State University: Ashley R. Lindeland was named to the spring semester dean's list.

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AJHS schedules 'Maze Days' student orientation

The Agawam Junior High School will hold its “Seventh-Grade, New Eighth-Grade Student Orientation Night” Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 6-7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium. “Orientation Night” is open to all seventh-grade students, new eighth-grade students, and their parents or guardians.

Prior to the orientation meeting, there will be a “Maze Days” journey from 4-6 p.m. in the cafeteria. These are flexible times and those in attendance are not required to attend the entire time. During the Maze, parents and students will receive and complete important paperwork, sign up for school activities and clubs and get more information regarding particular programs offered at the junior high school.

In addition, the PTO will also be on hand to provide information on upcoming events

and activities being offered to the students, as well as get input and ideas to be shared with the school and student body. After completing the “Maze Days” paperwork, students will be provided their homeroom (first period) and TEAM assignments for the upcoming school year. The process should not take more than 45 minutes to complete. The packet is also available to download off the website, www.agawampublicschools.org, and may be completed at home and turned in just before going into the meeting at 6 p.m.

“Maze Days” for returning eighth-grade students will be held Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 3-6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Any seventh-grade or new eighth-grade family that is not able to attend on their scheduled date is welcome to attend on this date.

Upcoming events at Roberta Doering School

The Roberta G. Doering School will conduct its first Grade 5 Orientation for parents and guardians Thursday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The purpose of this event is to outline school policies and procedures prior to the first day of school.

Additionally, Back to School Night will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10, at

6:30 p.m. beginning in the school auditorium with a brief discussion concerning policies and procedures, and ending with parents meeting with their children's teachers.

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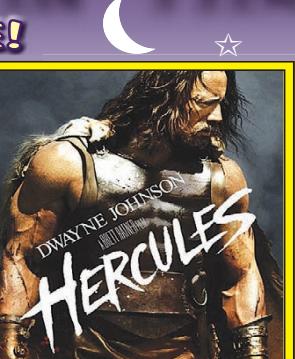
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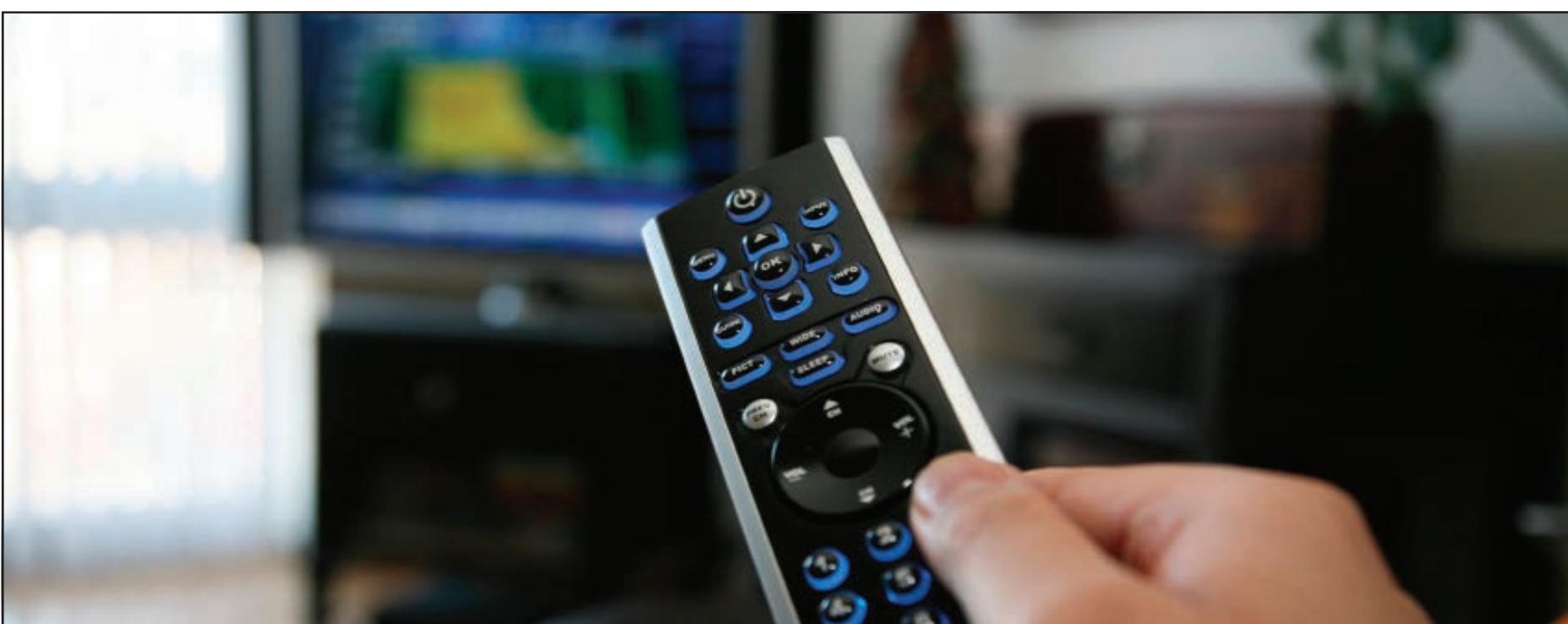
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Deacon Michael Perkins of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam blesses riders from the corner of Springfield and North Westfield streets.



The iconic Shriner clowns were on the scene for photo ops as well.



Police from across Hampden County rode up front as the annual Hospital Run made its way through Feeding Hills Center.



With its beginnings traced back to 1997, the Riders started as a club of Melha Shriners who were interested in motorcycles and have since grown to be the iconic fundraising force seen today.



From Westwood Restaurant, the riders proceed through downtown Westfield and Feeding Hills to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield before ending at the Melha Shrine at 133 Longhill St.

SPORTS

Sang takes 36th Bridge of Flowers 10k Classic

Beaver takes top spot in 3K

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

SHELBURNE FALLS - As the pre-eminent summer road race in New England, the Bridge of Flowers 10K draws runners from around the world. This year, the 36th running of the race was just that. Along with the Steve Lewis Subaru 3K, which preceded the main event, there were nearly 1000 runners participating. That was a 25 percent increase from a year ago.

Of those runners there were: Brian McCarthy, Michael Lescarbeau, and Ryan Feyre, all of Agawam, and Lisa Ledoux, Erin King, and Maryelyn Sullivan, all of Feeding Hills. At the top of the chart, there was a bit of "déjà vu." In 2013, Glarius Rop of Kenya by way of New York beat countryman Amos Sang by 33 seconds with Justin Freeman, of New Hampton, N.H., well back in third. This year, it was Sang who broke the tape ahead of Rop and it was by a mere second. Sang's winning time was 31:55, 13 seconds faster than last year. In third place, once again, was Freeman, but this time with a 32:28, he was a 1:17 faster. In fact, he stayed within 100 yards of the two leaders, who were never separated for the entire 10K.

On the women's side, it was Karen Bertasso, of Albany, N.Y., who was making her debut at the Bridge of Flowers race. Her time of 38:49 was a 1:05 faster than that of Apryl Sabadosa, of Westfield. Fifty-nine seconds behind Sabadosa was third-place finisher Katie Carlson, of Princeton. Bertasso took charge early and stayed well ahead of the pack from the outset. Of special note, is the fact that Bertasso broke the top 10 overall, and gained that coveted 10th spot.

Mike McCusker, the founder and director of the race was in his familiar spot as the master of ceremonies. At the edge of the bridge, he was gathered.

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Brian McCarthy, of Agawam, was the top finisher from town as he came in 48th with a time of 42 minutes, 58 seconds.



Michael Lecarbeau, of Agawam, came in 99th at 47:30.



Ryan Feyre, of Agawam, placed 127th at 49:04.

Pioneers trending in right direction

By Tim Peterson
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - At the midway point of the PDL season, the Western Mass. Pioneers had a 6-0-1 record and were sitting in first place in the Northeast Division standings.

The Pioneers went 2-4-1 during their final seven matches of the regular season and wound up finishing in third place with an 8-4-2 overall record. They missed qualifying for the league playoffs by four points.

"We did have a very nice season, but it would've been a lot better had we been able to make the playoffs this year," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari, who'll also be coaching the Pioneers professional team this fall. "It was definitely a much better season than my first two years coaching here. I think we're still heading in the right direction."

All of the players on this year's Pioneers team got along with each other very well.

"The group of players that we had this year was amazing," Molinari added. "They enjoyed playing the game with each other and they came to all of our practices. We



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James Besston (13) takes a look up the field as he handles the ball.

also didn't have anyone quit the team. I really enjoy coaching here. We also have the best fans and the best stadium in the PDL."

Please see PIONEERS, page 14

ASA announces Soccer Hall of Fame

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam Soccer Association is making plans to form an Agawam Soccer Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame will be run and governed by the Agawam Soccer Association. Association President Brian Regnier says he is hoping the new hall of fame will install some tradition and sense of loyalty to Agawam soccer in town.

"Our generation of kids is getting away from being loyal to the in-town soccer program and are

opting to go elsewhere to play," Regnier. "At the same time, we have a very large program and we want to teach these kids where they came from so they will also strive to be in the hall of fame someday."

On Monday night, the Agawam Soccer Association Board of Directors approved the establishment of a hall of fame committee that will very soon begin the process of establishing a hall of fame, including a location where a list or plaques or some kind could be displayed.

"We are working with the Agawam Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment on where we might physically locate this," said Regnier. "We are getting full support from them as well as the support of (Agawam High School Athletic Director) David Stratton."

The hall of fame will be very open-ended in what times of affiliations with soccer inductees have. Their only commonality will be inductees will have performed their function within the Town of Agawam.

"It could be a coach, a player, a volunteer, or maybe an entire championship team," said Regnier. "If they made a contribution in any

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Dematteo tapped as SAFL president

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM - After more than 10 years working with Agawam Youth Football, including as their president, David Dematteo was named the new president of the Suburban Amateur Football League earlier this year.

Dematteo has been involved with Agawam Youth Football for many years with his children having gone through the program, just like many parents volunteers.

He is also now retired and was

looking to help the league.

"Being the president of the league is a very demanding job," said Dematteo. "We have a lot of great parent volunteers that do a great job with the different teams in this league. But most of them have to work and then make time to come to practice. I am retired now and have the time to put into the league."

Dematteo is no stranger to sports. He is heavily involved with Agawam Youth Baseball and is the junior varsity softball coach at Agawam High School. Dematteo coached youth football while his children were in the program.

Dematteo has been very busy since taking over as the president of the league. He and members of a competition committee evaluated play from last year and realigned the leagues. The realigned leagues include name changes that he hopes kids will think are "cool."

The three conferences for the league now share similar names to the high school leagues now in place. There is a AA Conference, a Suburban Conference, and an Inter-County Conference.

"We thought it would be more fun for the kids to say they are a part of one of those conferences,"

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High school fall baseball signups announced

AGAWAM - Agawam Youth Baseball is currently having registrations for the Western Mass Fall Baseball League run out of East Longmeadow.

Games will be on Saturdays or Sundays and will be once per week starting the weekend of Sept. 6.

The league will be working around fall sports.

The cost to play will be \$125 and Agawam will be entering a varsity and junior varsity team. All players that played AHS baseball last year and any Southwick player that played Post 185 Legion senior or junior baseball is eligible.

AHS varsity coach Brian Rheault said, "I hope to see a good turnout for this program that has been created for the Agawam kids, it's important to our program that kids stay in baseball shape and I look forward to seeing a good turnout."

To register please go to www.agawamyouthbaseball.com and click on the register tab. If you have any questions please email agawamsports@comcast.net

The deadline to register is Aug. 15.

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way to soccer in Agawam, they could be nominated and included."

So far, Dan Sullivan and Walt Willard have been named to the committee. Regnier says the board voted to establish up to eight members of the committee to work on the selection process. Willard, a local historian, will be doing some work to write up the history of Agawam soccer for the first hall of fame ceremony.

More members of the selection committee are expected to be named in the near future.

The group has a tentative goal of mid-to-late-October to come up with the first list of inductees in the hall of fame. Regnier says he is hoping to see a cross section of men, women, and teams included in the inaugural class.

While nothing has been fully confirmed, Regnier hopes the first class of male inductees will be announced on Agawam High School boys soccer Senior Night in late October. Female inductees would be announced at the girls soccer Senior Night around the same time.

Anyone can nominate names to be considered for the new hall of fame. Regnier says names will be nominated and inducted on a yearly basis. A reception will be held each year for the inductees.

Anyone wishing to nominate someone for consideration can contact Regnier at bregnier@comcast.net.

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said Dematteo. "Because that is what they are striving to be a part of when they get to high school."

The AA Conference this year will feature Holyoke, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield 5A, Springfield Wildcats, Springfield Tigers, and Westfield. The Suburban Conference will have Agawam, Belchertown-Granby, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Quabbin, and West Springfield. The Inter-County Conference has Amherst, Easthampton, Frontier, Greenfield, Palmer, Quaboag, and Ware.

Dematteo is also emphasizing "heads-up" tackling training for coaches and players, safety courses for concussions, and wearing name badges at all games.

With recent attention to concussions, there is training for all coaches and players in the league.

"Each town has a 'safety coach' that comes and is trained on how to deal with concussions and other player safety," said Dematteo. "Once they receive training, they go back to their towns and train the coaches."

All SAFL coaches must be CORI background checked and certified through a training from USA Football. Those coaches must wear badges at all games to signify they belong on the sidelines.

Dematteo also said he will be emphasizing good sportsmanship among coaches.

"I want to make sure coaches are behaving as they should in front of the kids," said Dematteo. "We want to get away from yelling and screaming at kids and referees. We are all volunteers."

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SAFL kickoff set for Saturday

Ludlow to face Ware

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications

Sports Correspondent

EAST LONGMEADOW - For the third time, the Suburban Amateur Football League will hold their jamboree-style preseason scrimmages at East Longmeadow High School this Saturday.

But the event will be held this year under a new name, the SAFL Kickoff.

New League President David Dematteo said this week the name, previously the Commissioner's Jamboree, was something that he was not a fan of and wanted to change it after being named league president.

"That day is not about me," said Dematteo. "It's about the kids and we consider it a kickoff to our youth season and so the name change really fits."

Dematteo is pleased with the way this year's event is shaping up, with 14 teams involved this year.

"We are always happy to have more teams get involved with the kickoff," said Dematteo. "Teams have a great time at this event and they get a chance to gauge what they have while playing on a really nice field."

More than half of the 23-team league now participates in the kickoff event, which features scrimmages happening all day long.

The action starts off at 9 a.m. with host East Longmeadow facing Wilbraham, and South Hadley will

play Agawam. The teams' senior squads (seventh and eighth-graders) face off at 9 a.m., followed by juniors (fifth and sixth-graders) at 10 a.m., and the pee-wee teams (third and fourth-grades) begin at 11 a.m.

At 12 p.m., four more towns will bring their three squads for their scrimmages. Westfield faces Chicopee in one of the matchups. From 3 to 6 p.m., Palmer will face Greenfield, and at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ludlow and Ware will face off. Ware is participating in the jamboree for the first time.

There will be two scrimmages happening simultaneously on each half of the field. Teams will rotate, getting 10 plays on offense and 10 plays on defense. Coaches will serve as the referees and keep the environment very structured. Teams will play 25-minute halves with the clock running.

"The kickoff really allows coaches to get a look at how their team is progressing heading toward the season," said Dematteo. "They also get a look at what plays work and what plays do not work."

He also said this will be the first time players will be hitting people that are not on their team.

"It's a lot different than when players on the same team have to hit each other in practice," said Dematteo. "It's really their first exposure to game action."

The SAFL season will be kicking off on Saturday, Aug. 30 this year.

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Youth field hockey adds Mites program

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM - For the past eight years, Agawam High School field hockey has been one of the elite programs in high school field hockey.

Now, the team will be building even more depth with the announcement that the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will be establishing a Mites program to accompany its recently installed Bantam program.

Youth field hockey coordinator Becky Lescarbeau has been organizing Agawam Youth Hockey for the past eight years and says the program has grown from just 30 kids in grades four through eight to more than 100 kids.

Last year, a Bantam program for third- and fourth-graders was started. This year, a Mites program is being started for grades 1-2.

"Agawam field hockey has continued to be successful at the high school level," said Lescarbeau. "That is because we have a growing program that is developing field hockey players that are ready for high school field hockey when they come in as freshmen."

For players in the juniors (fifth- and sixth-graders) and seniors (seventh- and eighth-graders) teams, there is competition from some of the larger communities in Western Massachusetts.

"We play teams from East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Westfield, Holyoke, Belchertown and Northampton," said Lescarbeau.

But uniquely, no scores are kept, even at the seventh- and eighth-grade levels.

"We are focused on development and teaching them the game," said Lescarbeau. "The score is only kept in a few tournaments the teams participate in. Otherwise, there are no scores or standings for players to focus on; just learning the game."

When the Bantam program was introduced last year at the third- and fourth-grade level, some second-graders were involved in the program.

"I felt like there was some interest for the kids at the younger level," said Lescarbeau.

The new Mites program was born and will be for first and second graders interested in being introduced to the sport.

"The kids will be spending eight practices this fall being introduced to the basics of field hockey," said Lescarbeau. "They will be practicing at Stick Time in Agawam indoors. Sticks will be provided by Stick Time. The new program will cost \$75 per person. Enrollment has already been higher than expected."

"I was hoping to at least have a couple of kids," said Lescarbeau. "But we already have 11 or 12 kids signed up so I am ecstatic."

There will be no games for the Mites. Mites will receive coaching help from the various youth coaches in the program as well as high school players during the season.

Signups are still open for youth field hockey at all levels. For more information, contact Lescarbeau by e-mail at ralescarbeau@comcast.net.

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ering the runners and making small talk to hopefully relax them. After the race, he was busy announcing the winners in various age groups and awarding them their prizes.

McCusker got this event underway in 1979, as part of the Buckland Bicentennial.

The 10K course starts in the center of the village on the now famous iron bridge, which is next to the actual Bridge of Flowers. At the beginning, it is relatively flat with some small hills, as the runners circle around come into the center. That is when everything changes. At about the 3K mark, the runners approach Crittenden Hill, which is an ascent of about 300 feet. Separation usually begins there and this year was no exception. Crittenden Hill has a reputation that rivals that of Heartbreak Hill in the Boston Marathon. The difference is that Crittenden is at the beginning of the Bridge of Flowers Race, but can be just as heartbreakingly, only earlier.

After a steady descent from a high point of 750 feet, the last 4K of the race is run on fairly level ground. The runners finish the race after crossing the iron bridge. There have been adjustments to the course over the years and in fact the race went across the Bridge of Flowers for a short time. It is a true spectator event as the community reaches out to the runners in every way. People come out of their homes to cheer, serenade with music and hand out cups of water to the runners. It is such a credit to the people of Shelburne Falls.

"What a great day," said McCusker. "The weather appears to be cooperating and we have drawn a great crowd of runners. This year we have had a lot of help from our charity partners and with all the moving parts of the race, we need it."

Not enough can be said about the volunteers, who helped this event run so smoothly. They came from all over the area and could be seen at the start, along the course and at the finish. The people involved take a lot of pride in seeing this race be all that it can be. Steve Lewis Subaru of Hadley provided vehicles to lead the way in front of the runners. There were lead cars for the men's and women's races and a truck from which the press could have a great vantage point to observe the race.

The festivities began at 8:15 with the 3K, which is called a Walk and Run. For many years, it was run as the Nathan Hale Classic.

The winner of the 3K was 13-year-old

Jason Beaver, of Agawam, whose 10:19 topped that of Glen Meisenhelder, also from Agawam. Meisenhelder topped the field a year ago in 11:14, so he went faster this time around. Samuel Guido, of Greenfield, was third nearly two minutes behind Meisenhelder. Rounding out the top five were: Jack Grogan, of Holden, and the first females, Jackie Wells, of Ashfield, and Kimberly Beaver, of Agawam. Both young ladies are 11 years old. Wells was fourth in 2013. Last year's second female, Julie Dragon, of Sturbridge, was tied for eighth. The top Hilltown finisher, just 4 seconds behind Dragon was another 11-year-old, Cullen Brown, of Colrain.

Soon after the last runners returned from the 3K, the 10K runners anxiously gathered on the bridge. At 9 a.m., the bell tolled and the runners were off. As they broke, the lead runners took their places quickly. Rop, Freeman and Amos were joined by Michael Roda of Albany at the front of the pack. Joining them about a hundred yards from the start was Thomas O'Grady of Latham, N.Y. That group of five would be the top five finishers when the race ended.

By the time the runners got onto Maple Street, Roda and O'Grady had fallen back to a second tier, but Freeman stayed with the two Kenyans until they hit the first downhill at the end of Maple. He was only 10 yards in arrears and was determined to stay close. Roda and O'Grady had begun to lose contact, as they dropped to 100 yards back.

As the runners returned into town, the top two had opened their edge on Freeman to 20 yards and by the time they moved up Prospect onto Green, the gap had grown to 60 yards. Freeman made a bit of a move at the top of the hill and actually cut the distance in half.

It remained that way through mile 3, as no one was willing to step out and make a move. Rop and Sang regained their 60 to 75-yard edge over Freeman as they approached the dreaded Crittenden Hill. The separation between the leaders and Freeman increased on Ashfield, as it reached 100 yards.

Very little changed as the race continued through the countryside. It was clear that Rop and Sang would finish together. It was just a matter of who would burst out at the end. Though running a good time, Freeman was going to be relegated to third once again.

As they approached the Iron Bridge, Rop and Sang were side by side and then with



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Amos Sang, of Kenya, (left) beat Garius Rop, of Kenya, by 1 second to win the 36th annual Bridge of Flowers 10K.

just 10 yards to go, Sang took a couple of steps ahead of Rop and beat him to the tape.

The two laughed about their battle, but it was clear that Rop wanted to win a second title. It was just that Sang got the better of him.

"I wanted to win," said Rop. "But more important was having a good race. I love the course."

Added Sang, "This was my day, but I know I beat a great runner. I am very pleased and happy for all involved."

"I made a couple of moves," Freeman said, "a couple of times. I just could not get past them. When I closed at the 3.5-mile point, I thought I might be able to catch one of them, but they did not falter. I think I ran a solid race and am satisfied with my effort."

Bertasso was escorted in as the first female and getting 10th was a milestone for this race. Last year's winner Heidi Westo-



Karen Bertasso, of Albany, N.Y., raises her arms as crosses the finish line in first in the women's division.

ver, nearly got there with a 13th place. Bertasso got there.

"It was really warm and the sun was beating," she said. "I went out with a plan and I followed it. I came with my team, Willow Street Athletic Club and I am glad I did. I think I pulled away from the start as my plan was to go out fast. The hill was a challenge and everything I heard about it was true."

Sabadosa was here for the second time and took nearly 4 minutes off her time. She completed the course in 39:53, but was no match for Bertasso.

"I went out hard and tried to stay with her," Sabadosa recalled. "I lost a lot of ground on the hill and that was it as far as getting to first. About the same distance behind her was Carlson."

It should be pointed out that this year, women exceeded the men in numbers, getting to 51 percent of the field.

who's originally from South America, will be coaching the boys junior varsity soccer team.

"The people here in Ludlow are fanatic about the game of soccer just like they are in South America," Viera said. "I really enjoyed playing for the Pioneers during the past couple of years and I'm looking forward to coaching the high school team."

The Pioneers leading goal scorer was Alencar Junior. He scored 13 goals in just eight games. Junior, who lives in the Boston area, missed the Pioneers final couple of matches of the regular season due to personal reasons.

Several other offensive threats for the Pioneers were James Beeston, Will Daniels and Ben Maurey, who joined the team at the end of the regular season.

The Pioneers also played in the US Open Cup this year. After defeating Mass Premier, 4-1, in a first round home match, they took Rochester, who plays in a higher division, into overtime before losing 2-1 on the road.

Two days later, the Pioneers tied CFC Azul 2-2 in the regular season opener played

before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium. They then reeled off six victories in a row against GPS Portland, Vermont, Montreal, Westchester, Real Boston, and Montreal again before losing four in a row. Three of those four matches were decided by one goal, which pretty much eliminated the Pioneers from the playoffs.

"I thought we played well in the four games that we lost. We outshot our opponents in those games, but we just couldn't put the ball into the net," Molinari said. "You need to score goals in order to win games just like we did at the beginning of the season."

After tying Vermont, 1-1, in their final road contest of the season, the Pioneers closed out the season by scoring a season-high seven goals against Westchester at home.

Several members of the Pioneers PDL squad, who have already graduated from college, will also be playing for the Pioneers professional team this fall. The pro team is scheduled to play five games at Lusitano Stadium. The home opener is scheduled against Mass. United on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

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Pioneers general manager Greg Kolodziey gave his thoughts on Molinari, who played for the Pioneers for five years when the team previously competed at the professional level.

"Federico is an outstanding coach and he has done a great job of recruiting the players for the PDL team," Kolodziey said. "The Pioneers have had some pretty good coaches in the past and Federico is definitely keeping that tradition going."

Molinari, who was born in Argentina, South America, currently lives in Ludlow with his young family.

Another long time member of the Pioneers is Jay Willis, who was the team captain and the anchor of the defensive unit.

Willis, who's also a Pioneers assistant coach, is a Ludlow native and the men's soccer head coach at Worcester State University. Several former soccer players from Ludlow High School are listed on the Lancers roster.

Another key member of the defensive unit was Trey Jasenski, who lives in Schenectady, N.Y., which is about a two hour drive from

Lusitano Stadium.

Rounding out the defensive unit are Alex Markes, Tim Whalen and Jayme Kapinos, who also played at Ludlow High School.

The Pioneers starting goalkeeper was Warren Gross, who graduated from Penn State.

Jose Silva, who's currently playing soccer at Merrimack College, was the backup keeper.

The other two former Ludlow varsity soccer players listed on the Pioneers roster are Kyle Thomas and Brandon McCarthy.

Michael Goncalves, who'll be a senior member of the Lions varsity soccer team this fall, was put on the roster for the Pioneers final game of the regular season, which was a 7-1 victory against Westchester. He scored one of the Pioneers goals during the second half.

The Pioneers midfielders were Cesar Lopez, Mike Matera, Jorge Guinovart, and Maxi Viera.

This fall, Kapinos and Viera will be first-year members of the coaching staff at Ludlow High School. Kapinos will be coaching the boys freshman soccer team, while Viera,

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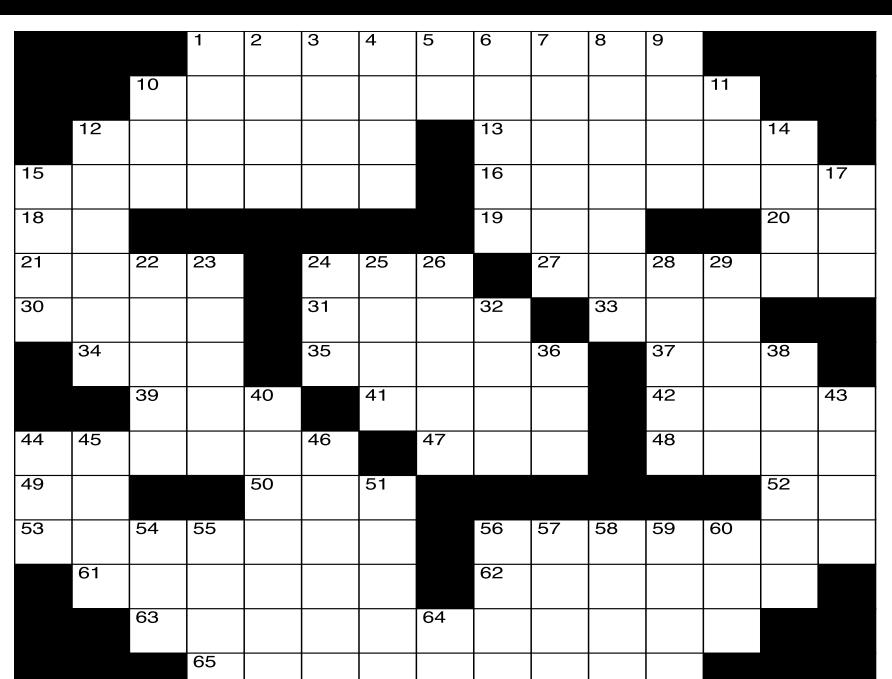
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13. Body louse (slang)	44. Female Muslim quarters	8. Averse to others	40. N. & S. of the new world
15. Most adroit	47. Radioactivity unit	9. Mother of Apollo	43. Discern the written word
16. Formatted electronic data	48. Window glass	10. Radio frequency	44. Thigh of a hog
18. An alternative	49. Atomic #18	11. Have already done	45. Mures river city
19. 3rd largest whale	50. Consume	12. Baseball championship playoffs	46. Crew member
20. 6th tone	52. The golden state	13. Mosquito disease	51. Liang weight units
21. Gentlemen	53. Authoritatively ordered	14. Snakelike fishes	54. __ Angeles
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27. Breakfast pastry	62. On all sides	17. Telegraphic signal	56. Mend a sock
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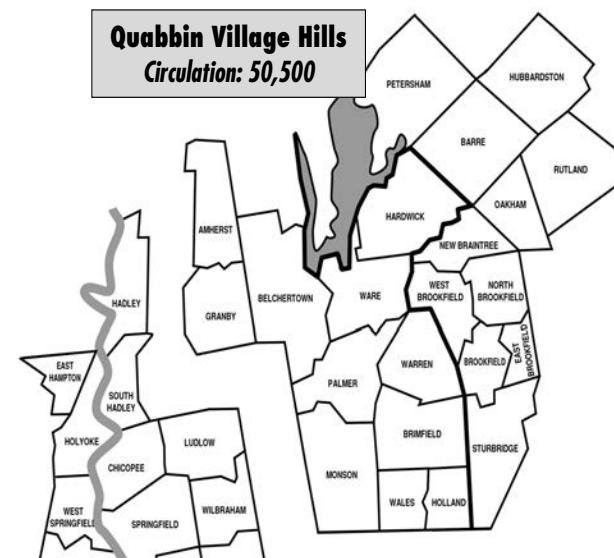
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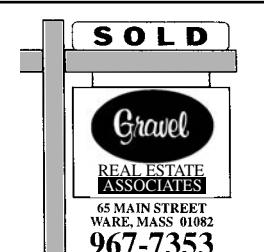
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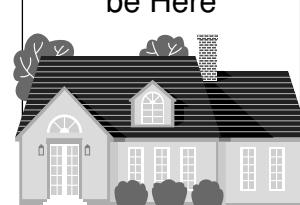
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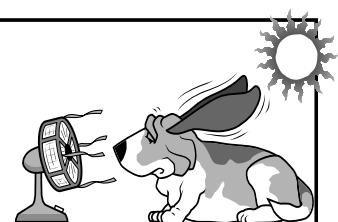
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225 Quaboag St, Warren

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Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Saturday, Aug. 16

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, features karaoke every Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

Sunday, Aug. 17

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the "hill" for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hopechurchagawam.org.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The

public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("One Fine Day") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, located in Holyoke's Heritage State Park, once again offers "2 for Tuesdays" where two riders can ride for the price of one. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers Trivia Night every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited to come as one or as a team. Subjects include general knowledge, sports, history, music and more. Prizes awarded.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, located in Holyoke's Heritage State Park, are "senior" days, when seniors can ride all day for just \$2; when their grandchildren accompany them,

they can ride for just \$1 each per ride. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap-accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CENTER, at 522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a free Back-to-School BBQ Saturday, Aug. 30, from 5-7 p.m. It will be held rain or shine and will include free hotdogs, hamburgers and soft drinks as well as face painting and other children's activities. For more information, call (413) 821-0937.

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES begins its 11th season Friday, Sept. 5, with a performance by the Millennium Magic Chorus at the Agawam Senior Center beginning at 7 p.m. All Applause events are free and open to the

library. For more information, visit www.agawamcc.org.

THE AGAWAM DOG OWNERS GROUP will host its second Annual ADOG Field Day Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shea Field in Agawam. The day's events will include food, vendors, wiener races, dog photos, raffles and more. The public is invited.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MASS., 56 Margaret St., Springfield, will host a showing of "Rome Open City," Friday, Sept. 5. Doors open at 6 p.m.; movie will start at 7 p.m. Donation is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members and includes beverage and snack. For more information, visit www.iccwm.org or email iccwm@comcast.net.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Sept. 10, at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at (888) 613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

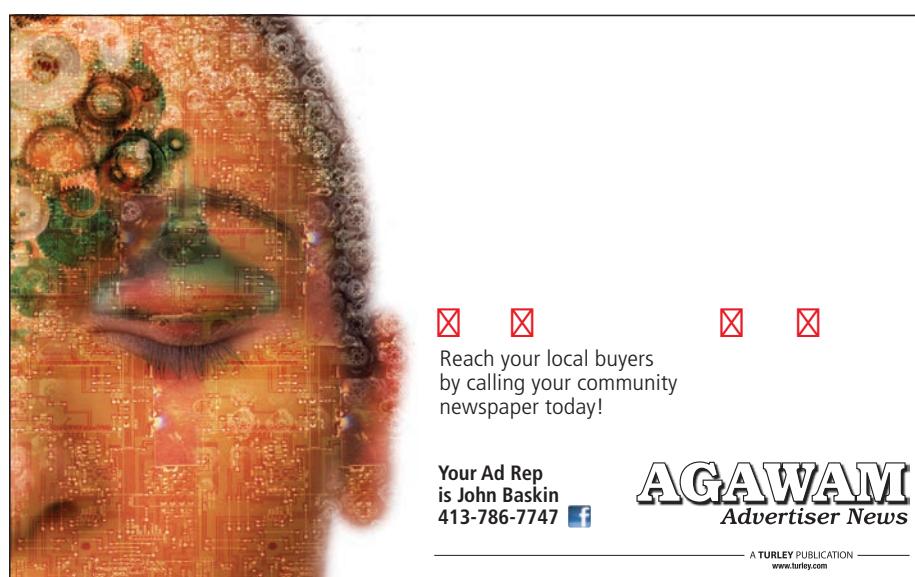
Registration open for Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON – The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai is seeking walkers. Set for Sunday, Sept. 21, the one-day fundraising event to fight cancer at Dana-Farber offers four routes: the 26.2-mile route starting from Hopkinton; the 13.1-mile route from Wellesley High School; the five-mile route from Boston College; and the three-mile route from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

All routes end at the Copley Square Finish Line in Boston. More than 8,500 walkers will participate in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, which is expected to raise more than \$7.5 million for the Jimmy Fund

for lifesaving adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, bringing the 26-year fundraising total to more than \$100 million.

The fundraising minimum is \$300 for walkers age 13 and older and \$100 for children 12 and younger. Pacesetters are extraordinary fundraisers who raise \$1,500 or more. Participants can enter the discount code BOSTON for \$5 off their registration fee. Register for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sept. 21 or support a walker by visiting JimmyFundWalk.org or calling (866) 531-9255.



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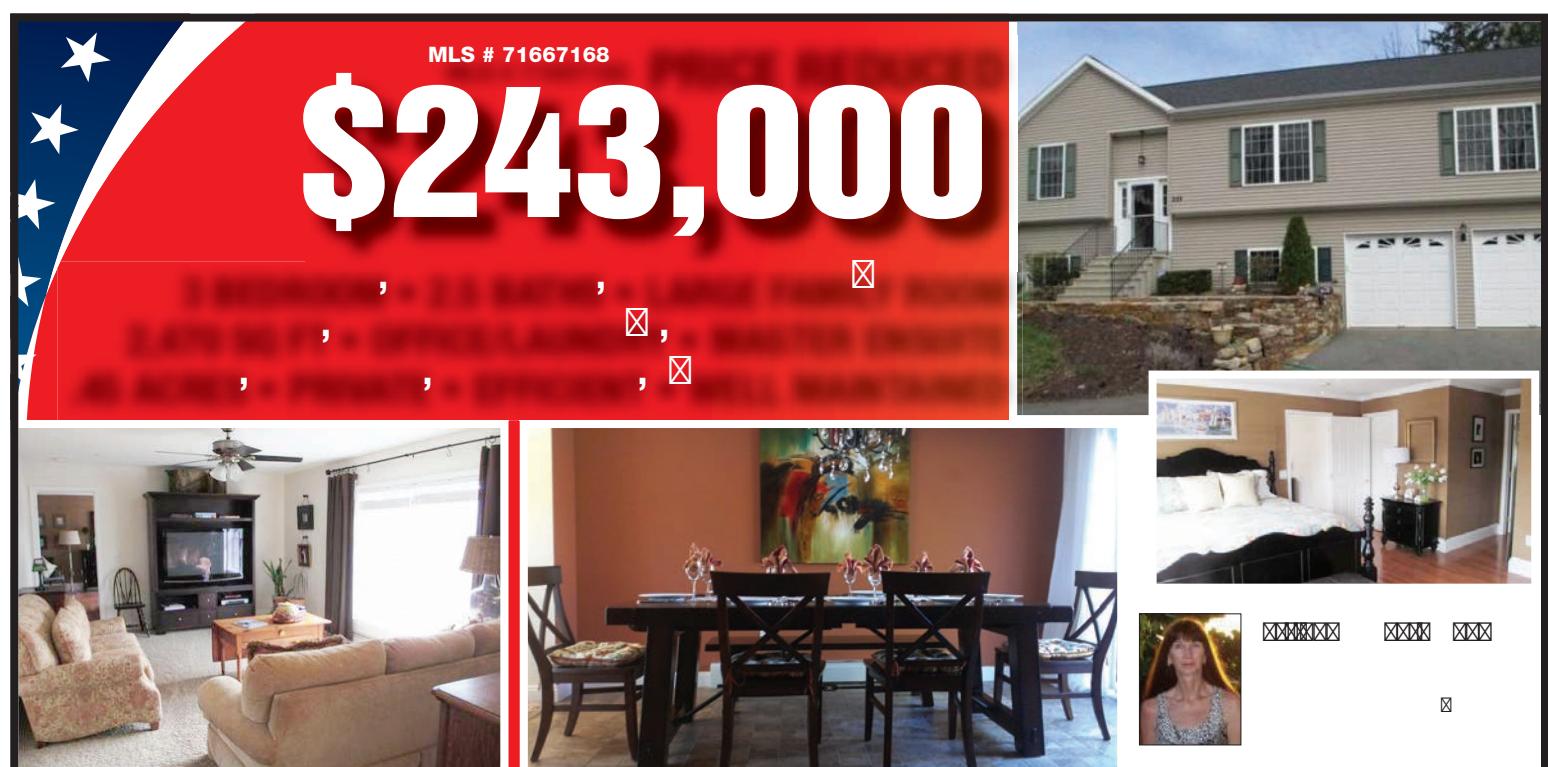
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